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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

DATE: January 19, 2001

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 25, 2001 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

On December 8, 2000 the Air Resources Board staff released the *Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons* describing proposed amendments to the California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program. These amendments will be considered by the Board at a regulatory hearing on January 25, 2001. Information regarding this upcoming Board hearing is available on the Board's web site, at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/2001rule/2001rule.htm>.

This memo outlines additional background materials that have been developed by staff. The new materials are as follows:

Additional Proposed Modifications to the California Zero Emission Vehicle Program Regulations.

Since the time that the Staff Report was released, staff has determined that certain additional modifications are appropriate in order to clarify the regulatory language, better reflect the overall intent of the staff proposal, and correct minor errors and omissions. The recommended additional changes and their rationale are described in the staff document.

All proposed modifications will be made available to the public for a supplemental fifteen-day comment period prior to final adoption.

Staff Reports on Non-Regulatory Issues.

In addition to the proposed regulatory amendments, staff has been reviewing possible non-regulatory actions that will facilitate implementation of the ZEV program. These will be discussed briefly at the January hearing, and will be further developed throughout

2001. Staff has prepared brief reports that outline the status of work and planned activities in each area:

Zero Emission Vehicle Outreach and Public Education

ZEV Infrastructure

An additional report on *ZEV Incentives* is being prepared and will be released shortly.

Copies of the above materials are available on the ARB web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/2001rule/2001rule.htm>. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Ibyang Rivera at 916-322-4223 or irivera@arb.ca.gov. Program questions should be addressed to Mr. Chuck Shulock at 916-322-6964 or cshulock@arb.ca.gov.